

## REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2009, Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above amendment and following remarks. Assignee respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 6 and 17-22 have been canceled to expedite prosecution. Such cancellation should not be construed as acquiescence in any rejections.

Claim 14 was indicated allowable. The remaining claims 7, 9-13, 15 and 16 depend upon allowable claim 14.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant submits that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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